

CLAIMS.

1. A receiver apparatus comprising a number of components having power-on and power-off states, the receiver comprising a low-power unit for switching at least part of the components from one of said states, denoted current state, to the other state, the low-power circuit comprising a bi-stable circuit for storing the power-on and power-off states of said
5 part of the components and for detecting a power switch command, in order that upon detection of said power switch command the bi-stable circuit causes said part of the components to be switched from their current states into their other states.
2. A receiver apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein which the bi-stable circuit is arranged so that said part of the components are all triggered in the same states upon
10 detection of said switch command.
3. A receiver apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein which said low-power unit comprises a reset circuit for resetting the states of said components in their power-on states.
4. A receiver apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein which the components are included in a main circuit for receiving broadcast programs and for supplying audio and video signals,
15 the main circuit being connected to the low-power unit and to a power supply unit for supplying power to the components, the power supply unit comprising switching means connected to at least said part of the components of the main circuit for switching said part of the components from their current states into their other states upon detection of a power switch command by the low-power circuit.
- 20 5. A receiver apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein which all components of the main circuit are switched to a same state upon detection by the low-power unit of a power switch command.
6. A receiver apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein upon detection by the low-power unit of a power switch command, the current states of the components being the power-on state,
25 the power supply unit only supplies the low-power unit.
7. A receiver apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising a front panel key to be pressed by a user to trigger said power switch command.

8. A receiver apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein which said power switch command to switch said part of the components to their power-off states is automatically triggered after a predefined timer has lapsed.

5 9. A method of power control in a receiver comprising a number of components, which need to be supplied by a power supply unit, the receiver having a power-on operating mode wherein which said components of the receiver are in a power-on state and a low-power operating mode wherein which at least part of said components are in a power-off state, the receiver comprising a low-power unit for switching the receiver from one operating mode, denoted current operating mode, to the other operating mode, the method comprising the
10 steps of :

- storing the states of said components in each of the two operating modes,
- detecting a power control signal,
- upon detection of said power control signal, switching said part of the components from their current states to their other states.

10. A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein at least part of the components include all components except the components of the low-power unit.